

City Council certifies wet-dry petition - vote set for June 7th

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council met in special session Tuesday night, May 3rd,

to handle such items as certifying the wet-dry petition submitted to the city last week.

The official list contained names of 432 verified Elba citizens. Only

Friday's hearing on restraining order against Mayor Haywood unnecessary

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The hearing scheduled last Friday morning before Circuit Judge Terry Butts on the restraining order the judge had issued earlier in the week was not necessary.

The temporary restraining order was in the name of the City of Elba and was issued on signed complaints by council members Bill Brunson and John W. Sharpless. It prevented Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood from firing new City Clerk James Nichols (or any other city employee). It also

prevented Haywood from interfering with the City Clerk performing his duties. Nichols had reported to work the morning after being appointed by the city council only to have Haywood assign him to the landfill to

count trucks and estimate the amount of trash in each vehicle. This was an assignment Nichols didn't take and the mayor subsequently suspended him for not being on the job. That suspension was followed by the restraining order.

The council members, Mayor Ricky Haywood and attorneys for both sides were called into conference by Butts before he started the official hearing on the matter. The judge explained he always tried to

get the parties involved to settle disputes before he had to rule in the issue.

After about an hour and a half Butts announced he was issuing an order in accordance with an agreement reached by all parties.

Attorney Bill Stokes had argued that the mayor had certain legal rights which were violated in the appointment of Nichols. However that issue was never decided by the judge, due to the agreement reached by those involved.

The order signed by Butts read: "By agreement and stipulation of parties and their attorneys the Temporary Restraining Order to remain in effect until the court sets a final hearing upon motion of either party. The defendant is granted the right to further argue and be heard on defendant's motion to dissolve the plaintiff's application for permanent injunction."

T.L.B. Judge

The agreement left Nichols in office as City Clerk. However either Haywood or the city council can request Butts to set the matter for a hearing.

While the restraining order is still temporary, it will remain in force indefinitely, because of the agreement by all parties involved.

337 were needed to get the issue on the June 7th ballot.

The official call for the June 7th wet-dry election is published in this issue of *The Elba Clipper*.

Several question about wet-dry issue were posed to City Attorney Mark Vaughan by the mayor and city council members.

He explained that the council must call the election at the next general election after the names were certified. Also announced was that all votes in the liquor issue would be cast at the Army Reserve Center on N. Claxton Avenue.

Vaughan noted this was because as a purely municipal election, the wet-dry issue votes must be cast where other municipal elections are held. Therefore many Elba citizens will be forced to vote at two locations on June 7th. They will vote at one of three locations, Army Reserve Center, National Guard Armory or at the funeral home in Mulberry Heights for the elective offices on the statewide and county ballot. Then they will vote at the Reserve Center only in the wet-dry issue.

Paper ballots may be used in this wet-dry election if there are no extra machines available from Coffee County, again according to the attorney.

In reviewing the minutes of the last meeting, Councilman Charles Cole wanted it made clear that the statement recorded in the minutes as follows: "Council member Cole stated that the council did not need him" was referring to himself personally and not someone else.

Cole's statement was made during a discussion concerning a situation involving a member of the police department.

One of Cole's duties on the council is to serve as police commissioner. He told council members that he had not been made aware of all the circumstances concerning Police Officer Laird's "official" status with the police department.

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be used to help pay the approximate \$3500 cost of ribbons, medals and T-shirts for the participants.

Daniel Stephens, representing EDCO, requested a modification to his lease on the portion of the old elementary school his firm leased for five years.

The council approved Mayor Ricky Haywood's recommendation that the lease be modified to insure the firm is repaid a prorated portion of any improvements made on the building, if the building is sold prior to the expiration of the lease.

The final motion included a clause that all leases which have been approved for portions of the old school buildings be adjusted to read the same way.

The council also accepted a \$12,500 check from Cash Brother's

Leasing for the five acres of land across from the airport. They voted to authorize the Mayor Haywood to sign of deeds to the property.

Cash will be getting the property they are presently using plus some additional land directly behind that.

There will be 254 feet of highway frontage. The property is slightly L-shaped, however overall depth is 691 feet.

A proposal from Haywood that the city buy a \$500 lawn mower to cut the special grass at the Elba Public Library resulted in the donated use of the needed reel type mower.

Council member John W. Sharpless said he had such a mower in his garage and would be glad for it to be used at the library.

J. C. Stuckey was approved as a part-time summer employee to operate the mosquito sprayer for 15-20 hours a week.

The council approved payment of two outstanding bills and the weekly payment of umpires in the recreation program.

The low bidder for much of summer recreation equipment is in Texas. Haywood read a letter from the firm that they would be unable to deliver because of striking truck drivers. The mayor recommended the purchase of the equipment locally.

The council agreed to this request. City Clerk Jim Nichols proposed the city trucks no longer furnish dirt to home owners, due to the heavy work load on the employees.

The motion made was city trucks will only haul dirt needed to improve right-of-ways. Haywood abstained from voting on this issue.

After listening to a presentation by representatives from Life of Georgia Insurance Company, the council agreed to allow employees

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County work release prisoners don't like jail

Two inmates at the Coffee County Jail decided that they did not like being in jail so they decided not to return.

Rozado Blackmon, 18, of Enterprise and Shelley Cunningham, a state prisoner being held at the county jail, both are participants in the county's work release program.

Late Wednesday afternoon, April 27, Blackmon was reported missing from his assigned work release location. Officers were alerted to this fact and were in the process of attempting to locate him.

According to reports, a family member was returning Blackmon to the jail when he decided he was not quite ready to go back behind bars.

As the car carrying him pulled up in the parking area at the jail, he jumped out and ran.

Jail Administrator Zack Ennis, who was leaving the jail at that time to go look for Blackmon, took off in "hot pursuit."

Chief Deputy Ben Moates who was alerted as to what was taking place joined in the chase.

The pursuing officers thought that they had the "runner" cornered in a

barn located on Byrd Mill Creek Road just across U. S. Hwy. 84 from the jail, but he somehow managed to get into Ennis' vehicle and the chase was on again.

Deputy Moates' car was side-swiped as Blackmon was making his second get away.

The escapee, on his newly acquired vehicle, headed toward Enterprise. Two sheriff's deputies, Paul Goldsmith, Jr. and Jack Hubert, were monitoring the situation as they were en route from Enterprise to join the chase.

The two deputies, along with Moates, attempted to stop the escapee with a "rolling roadblock."

Blackmon lost control of the vehicle which he was driving and ended up in the ditch.

Chase over - not yet! Blackmon bailed out the window of the wrecked sheriff's car and the race was on - again!

Deputy Goldsmith proved to be the faster of the two and he apprehended Blackmon.

The prisoner was taken to Medical Center Enterprise where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Moore runs for House Seat

W. Garreth Moore has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the District 91 (Coffee County) seat in the Alabama House of Representatives.

He is a life-long resident of Coffee County and is the owner of Moore Construction Company in Enterprise.

"It is time we take the reins of state government and give them to the conservative majority that has been taken advantage of for so long," Moore proclaimed Moore upon announcing his intentions.

"The liberal Democratic Machine that has recklessly wielded power in Montgomery for so long is in desperate need of reform," he continued.

Moore graduated from high school in New Brockton and then attended Enterprise State Junior College for two years before joining his father's construction business.

Upon taking over the company in 1978, the focus of the business was expanded to include the speculative homes in the Enterprise area as well as continuing the custom homes and millwork for which Moore Construction had already become noted in this area.

Moore is a multi-engine rated pilot and a member of the A.O.P.A. He is also a Master Mason and a member of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce.

Garreth Moore believes his background in the business is a good basis for being able to make the tough decisions necessary to lead Alabama as we prepare to go into the 21st century.

"The cronyism and back room deals have become an accepted way of life in Alabama politics. This practice has to be changed and we must restore credibility and accountability in our elected officials if we are to progress as a state," Moore said in making his announcement.

Moore and his wife, the former Pamela A. Boyd, have one daughter, Julia, age 2-1/2. They attend the First Baptist Church in Enterprise.



GARRETH MOORE

* * HAPPENINGS * *

CANDIDATE FORUM. The Mulberry Heights Voters Registration Committee is sponsoring a Candidate Forum and Massive Voters Registration drive at the Elba High Auditorium, Saturday, May 7, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and hear various candidates for public office speak.

SPRING FESTIVAL. The 1994 Crossroads Spring Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, in Klinton, AL. The day's events will begin with a parade downtown starting at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude in the evening with a street dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. The order of the day will be fun, fellowship and plenty of food. All proceeds raised during this year's event will go toward the development of the town's recreation park.

BLOOD DRIVE. The 191st Maintenance Company of the Army National Reserve will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 8, from 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. at 764 North Claxton Avenue in Elba. All healthy individuals are encouraged to participate and give "The Gift of Life."

POLITICAL RALLY. A political rally will be held at the Victoria Community Room on Saturday, May 14, to give residents an opportunity to meet candidates for public office in the upcoming election. Candidates will be available at 11 a.m. to meet, greet, and hand out literature. There will be no speeches.

DISK 'TIL DAWN RELAY. A Disk 'Til Dawn Relay For Life, a fun and exciting 12-hour team relay where each participant is encouraged to raise sponsorships of least \$100, will be held Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Enterprise State Junior College Athletic Field. All the proceeds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society.

32 DAYS UNTIL ELECTION DAY

Counts sworn in as sheriff Monday

Now it's official, James M. "Mickey" Counts, is the Interim Sheriff of Coffee County.

With family, friends and deputies looking on, Circuit Judge Gary McAllely administered the oath of office to Counts. The event took place in the Enterprise Courthouse shortly after 9 a.m. Monday.

After Counts was sworn in, he in turn swore in his deputies. They will be the same as before with no changes.

Counts told those present that he is excited about what lies before him and that he is looking forward to working with the sheriff's department and other local law enforcement agencies.

He noted that several changes for the sheriff's office are being considered and plans are being made to implement them should he decide to do so.

Counts takes over the sheriff's office from Brice Paul who announced his retirement last month. Paul served as Sheriff of Coffee County for 15 years.

The interim sheriff will serve until a new sheriff is elected and takes office in January of 1995.

Assisting Elba police in the investigation is the District Attorney's office.

Anyone who might have information concerning this robbery is asked to contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.

Greene enters Rep's race

Christopher T. (Tom) Greene is seeking the District 91, House seat being vacated by Jimmy Holley. He qualified for the seat at the Alabama Republican Party Headquarters in Birmingham, AL on April 5.

West Virginia born and raised in the southeast, Green finished high school in Raleigh, NC, graduated from the Airframe and Power course at the Alabama Institute of Aviation Technology in Ozark, AL and received a bachelor of science degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL.

He also holds a FAA A&P mechanics certificate and a FAA Commercial, Instrument, Multi-engine, fixed-wing pilots certificate.

Greene, 35, became a south Alabama broiler grower following nearly 31 years in the military and government service.

His diversified career included assignments in aircraft maintenance, infantry, army aviation and public affairs. As a 19-year-old Air Force aviator, he was one of the youngest C-124 Globemaster crewchiefs in the military Air Transport Service.

As an Army pilot, he flew a Bird-dog and OV-1 Mohawk aircraft on visual reconnaissance and electronic surveillance in Vietnam.

His public affairs assignments included, managing editor of the U.S. Army Aviation Digest at Ft. Rucker, a three year tour as public affairs officer for a large military community in Germany; and six years as a speech writer and manager of internal information for the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Ft. Rucker.

Greene is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Army Aviation Flight School, and the Defense

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TOM GREENE

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Summertime weather is fast arriving throughout the South. This means that when a motorist parks an automobile, rolls up the windows and locks the doors... it is going to get hot in that vehicle. A pet peeve of ours is those who put up a sun shield in the front window and expose those words "Need Help, Call Police". They don't realize that by doing that all the time, they neutralize the benefit of the sign if they really need it. We try to let folks run their business and we will run ours but... this act has caused us to be openly critical of a motorist when we see it happening. In other words we fussed at them!

We are excited about the announcement last week from Dorsey Trailers that they have broken ground for a plant expansion. The company folks are playing this kinda close to the vest but they deserve our praise for their decision. Not only will this mean additional jobs in Elba, it is designed to help produce trailers more efficiently. That converts to lower prices, which converts into more sales and right back to more job security for those employees who are already at work. Hey, we like it.

There are studies underway to find out why some folks are fat. We read recently of a study trying to determine why fat parents have fat children. One thing they are checking is the make up of the air coming from the lungs of a sleeping child, like maybe it is because of poor oxygen absorption during sleep. Anyway, the consumption of more food than needed isn't the reason for the lifetime of a spreading waistline in the home because my grandmother's weight was above the medically recommended ideal for her height... in other words she was fat.

We think it's very fitting that an reception will be held in Elba on May 15th honoring State Representative Jimmy Holley for his many years of service to the people of Coffee County and all Alabama. We hope many, many of our friends and neighbors around the county take the time to drop by that Sunday afternoon and personally thank Jimmy... maybe we should sympathize with his wife Mary and their two children. He missed a lot of those "quality times" with his family while working for Coffee County.

A television news program last week condemned the popcorn served in movie theatres. According to that report the delicious popcorn which is synonymous with picture shows, is all loaded with stuff that is bad for our heart and blood vessels. Immediately movie theatres companies began denying their popcorn included all that fat cooking oil, etc. We don't expect to see any major drop in the consumption of popcorn but do expect more snack bars to shy away from the tating type cooking oils.

People who want to live in "nice neighborhoods" have a valid argument. Just look what happened in Montgomery last week. A man was killed by a stray bullet while sitting in his living room. A 17 year old neighbor was arrested for the killing. Of course this can happen in any neighborhood, but when reading of people who sleep on the floor or even in the bathtub because of all the shooting outside, Americans just shudder. We don't wish for much from the "good ol' days" but the days of unlocked doors and open windows were much more peaceful.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Traffic Rotaries: Good for Alabama?

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While traffic rotaries are not familiar to most people in the South, a recent visit to England convinced me they deserve serious consideration as a low cost, traffic control alternative for many intersections in Alabama.

After the flight to London and a three hour train ride, my wife and I arrived in Chester, a beautiful old Roman city just south of Liverpool. With no sleep for 24 hours (thanks to a habermouth on the flight), we were too jetlagged to drive driving a rental car on the left side of the road. So we took a short stroll to the town center.

The first thing of interest that we encountered was a 3-way intersection with no traffic light and no stop signs. I was late afternoon and traffic was heavy. We stood and marvelled at the way cars traversed the intersection, often without hesitation, using no apparent driving strategies without mishap or delay for 20 minutes or so we observed.

The only traffic control appeared to be a three or four foot diameter circle painted on the pavement at the center of the intersection. All the drivers revolved around this circle, as if it were a black of granite.

Later in the trip we met a friend who is serving in the U.S. Air Force. Starting in England for about a year, she is experienced at driving her own car and navigating Britain's narrow roads. For three days she easily navigated the rotaries we encountered, often with hardly any slowing from our cruising speed (providing there was no oncoming traffic, of course), and with only one or two missed exits.

The rules of rotary are simple. Signs on approaching roads provide a map, so the driver can see how roads leave the rotary. In the U.S., a driver enters a rotary by turning right. You merge into the flow of traffic, yielding to any traffic on your left. You circle the rotary counterclockwise until you reach the desired exit, then make another right turn.

If traffic is light, you can proceed through a rotary almost without hesitation. The minimization of the stop, idle and accelerate driving pattern associated with standard U.S. intersections

(most of them due to poor navigation, which was my responsibility).

I was most impressed by the widespread use of rotaries, which are called roundabouts in Great Britain. They are rarely used in the United States. I have encountered them only in Washington, D.C., Boston and some smaller New England towns. Since most drivers in the U.S. are not familiar with them, rotaries can be intimidating, even frightening.

From observing rotaries, however, it was intuitively obvious to me as an energy engineer that they offer several advantages to our current system of traffic control using traffic signals, stop signs, four way stops and yield signs. For example:

*There is less wasted fuel, such as occurs when cars traveling at cruising speeds are forced to stop, idle at a red signal, then accelerate to cruising speed.

*There is less air pollution because of the significantly reduced idling time.

*There is less wasted time, such as that spent waiting at red lights when the light is not crossing traffic.

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Many of the advantages of rotaries are obvious even to a casual observer. English traffic proceeds through them at a starting pace compared to yields, for example, and traffic signals. Even at a busy intersection, many cars never come to a full stop and proceed through the intersection with little reduction in speed and loss.

The minimization of the stop, idle and accelerate driving pattern associated with standard U.S. intersections

should significantly reduce fuel consumption and air pollution, because engines operate at a more efficient speed.

In spite of the advantages of rotaries and their widespread use throughout the rest of the world, they have had little acceptance in the U.S. since the 1930s, and have been primarily used as traffic circles to accent monuments.

The major argument has been that a rotary is thought to require more land than a signalized intersection. This will be true in some instances, but land is no more available in crowded England and mainland Europe than it is in the U.S.

This leave one to suspect that aggressive sales and marketing association with traffic signals had more to do with the demise of rotaries in the U.S. than land costs.

While interest in the U.S., England continued research to develop small circle designs that reduce land use, are quicker to negotiate, and are less likely to be blocked by abnormal traffic flow.

I am convinced that when exposed to accurate information, the public will accept perhaps even demand the use of rotaries as a low-cost approach to reducing energy and environmental problems.

Adapting to rotaries would require some changes in design and adjustment of familiar driving habits. In the end, however, drivers should be pleased with how rotaries can expedite their travel on crowded streets and highways while increasing safety.

Dr. Gerald Guinn is director of the Johnson Research Center at The University of Alabama in Huntsville, and a member of the mechanical engineering family.

Disaster Service Teams needed

The American Red Cross needs volunteers from the Elba community to join the disaster services team at the Coffee County Chapter. Trained personnel will have the opportunity to assist in local disaster operations as well as national assignments.

Introduction to Disaster Services, a basic primer and prerequisite to all other disaster services courses, will be offered in Elba at the Elba City Library, Tuesday, May 17, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Course instructor is Kella Rader, chapter manager of the Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has served on national disaster assignments with the Red Cross as well as directed local disaster operations.

The course is free. There is a 20-person limit, with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for the course, or for more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 or the Elba Public Library at 897-6921.

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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

APR. 26 Thru MAY 2, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, April 26, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three deaths, one menacing, one armed robbery, one criminal trespass, one death investigation, three harassments, one indecent exposure, and one assault.
Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

The following arrest was made: one for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for failure to appear, and one for harassment.
Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, APRIL 26 - Wreck reported on Yelverton St. (9:51 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Clayton Ave. (8:49 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 - Rescue run to a residence on Moore Ave. (10:24 a.m.); Robbery at Oaklawn (9:05 p.m.); Prowler reported on S. Morrow St. (9:50 p.m.); Prowler reported on Larkin Rd. (10:34 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - Rescue run to a residence on old County Rd. 79 (12:53 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - Prowler reported on Clayton Ave. (12:04 a.m.); Disturbance at the Little Beaver Trailer Park (5:46 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on the Brandy Hwy. (6:13 p.m.).

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A COFFEE COUNTY CONTINGENT of loggers and other forest industry leaders gathered in Dothan recently to raise over \$33,000 to help care for Alabama's sick and injured children. The event was part of forestry's State-wide Log a Load for Kids '94 effort to raise \$250,000 in support of special child care centers in the Tri-State Area. Four year old Adam Childs (above) of Dothan, who's been undergoing treatment since birth at Children's Hospital of Alabama-Birmingham for multiple birth defects, welcomed his Coffee County friends: first row (l to r) Glen Delaney and Jeff Fortwood; second row (l to r) Abb Delaney, George Bryan, Leon Fortune, Dale Folmar, Jennifer Knighten. The Tri-State Challenge attracted 150 loggers and other forest industry representatives from as far away as Albany, Georgia, Panama City, Florida, and Tuscaloosa. Included in the day-long fundraiser was a convoy of log trucks and vehicles hauling logging equipment, a timber industry rally, gold tournament and seminars on timber and other forest industry topics. David Kinsaul, chief operating officer for Children's Hospital of Alabama, in Dothan for the Tri-State Challenge, thanked the forest community for its efforts. "Log a Load for Kids" has far exceeded what we ever envisioned it would be. These people are so enthusiastic that I think there will be a lot of even greater things that they will be doing in the future." Joe Watford, chairman of the Alabama Loggers Council, which sponsors the event with the Alabama Forestry Association, commented, "The loggers and the industry have really supported Log a Load for Kids, joining in a common goal. The whole industry, as well as Alabama's kids, benefit from the program."

RACE

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partment of Defense Information School's Editor and Public Affairs Officers Courses.

Both of his parents came from farming and wildlife backgrounds in Tifton, GA and Richwood, WV.

Ruth Nan, his wife of 29 years, hails from Charleston, SC. They have three children who grew up in the Enterprise school system and Hillcrest Baptist Church. Michael, an Auburn University poultry science graduate is employed by Cargill, Inc. in Georgia. Chris graduated from the University of Alabama with a Communications degree, and is employed by Phyller Fine in Tuscaloosa, AL. Their youngest, Susan, will graduate from Auburn with a degree in Mathematics in June.

The Greens have always longed to return to the country, and jumped on the opportunity in 1989 when they bought 90 acres south of Enterprise.

Ruth Nan had worked for ConAgra for nearly ten years. That experience lured them into building broiler houses. No longer working for ConAgra, she and Tom manage their farm and are totally involved with the Alabama Contract Poultry Growers Association.

Greene is an incorporating director for both Neusoul and the Alabama CPGA, and has served as secretary for both associations. Currently, he serves as secretary of the Alabama CPGA, and vice-president of the National CPGA.

He is also a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and is a member of the Fort Rucker Chapter of the Retired Officers Association where he served as secretary in 1981-82.

MONDAY, MAY 2 - Rescue run to Dorsey Trailers (12:35 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (2:16 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167 (4:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - Rescue run to a residence on old County Rd. 79 (12:53 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 - Prowler reported on Clayton Ave. (12:04 a.m.); Disturbance at the Little Beaver Trailer Park (5:46 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on the Brandy Hwy. (6:13 p.m.).

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of the town to participate in their program using the payroll deduction plan. This is at no cost to the town. Linda Dillow, the town clerk, requested that she be allowed to pay "routine operational type bills" without having to wait until they are presented to the council for approval.

The type bills or payments Dillow referred to are: loan payments, land fill usage, employee insurance, etc.

Council members approved Dillow's request.

Police Chief Charles Driggers requested that three police officers be sent to Intoxivizer school in order to become certified officers. The cost is \$75 per person. This was approved unanimously by the council.

After giving an activity report for the police department, fire department and rescue squad, Chief Driggers noted that the rescue squad

needed more EMT volunteers. Last month, the squad answered 20 calls. The police answered 19 complaints, made 9 arrests and investigated 5 traffic accidents. Firemen responded to 1 fire.

Other matters of business consisted of the following:
***Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$5,428.63.
***Approved the purchase of a fax machine at a cost of between \$325 and \$375.

***Agreed to send out bid requests for new city maps. It was noted that the cost of these maps is shared by merchants who advertise on the back of the map.

***Voted to repair the truck used by the street department at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00. This estimate includes a new engine block at a cost of \$2,549.00.

***Gave approval to hire two students to work the concession stand at the ball park during the ball season.

***Bids for two new police cars were opened and tabled until the next meeting.

***A cost estimate for spraying the right-of-ways of city streets with herbicides is to be obtained from the county for review at the next council meeting. This will reduce maintenance costs - grass cutting - on the town's streets.

***Adopted "Lost Control Policy," a safety policy recommended by the League Insurance.

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was unaccounted for and were asked to be on the lookout for him.

Sunday afternoon, Elba police spotted the escape coming into town as a passenger in a vehicle traveling on U.S. Highway 84 East. Police stopped the car and took Cunningham into custody.

He was later returned to the county jail by a sheriff's deputy.

EXPERIENCE...

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Judge Thomas Head served Pike & Coffee County as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's office. He has been Judge of the Coffee County District & Juvenile Court since 1987. During this time, Judge Head has prosecuted or presided over all types of cases, from minor traffic violations to capital murder.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

The Enterprise State Junior College Women's softball team would like to thank Mayor Ricky Haywood and Henry Clark. A scheduling conflict with the fields in the City of Enterprise recently left us without a place to host one of our home softball doubleheaders.

Mayor Haywood and Mr. Clark gladly allowed us to play those games in Elba. Mr. Clark and his crew did a very good job in getting the fields ready to play on such short notice.

Again we want to thank all those involved and we hope to come back once a year and play a game in Elba.

Hooks — Adams wedding held February 26th

John Edward Hooks and Sonya Renea Adams were united in holy matrimony on February 26, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. in a candlelight ceremony at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Panama, California. The Rev. Mark Anthony Williams officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Adams of Panama, CA. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Hooks of Elba, Alabama.

The church was decorated with seventeen heart shaped candelabras, seven down each outer side of the altar and three in the middle. The reserve pews and guest pews were decorated with violet, purple, and white sprayed roses with greenery and violet and white silk ribbon streams.

The heart shaped arch was decorated with strings of pearls, beads and purple, white and pink sprayed roses.

A program of wedding music was presented by Anthony Green, musician and instrumentalist with "Ribbon in the Sky" and Jennette Woodard singing "You and I" and "Inseparable".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Mr. Jimmie Adams, wore a white silk gown accented with white silk v-neck lace, seed pearls and iridescent. The leg-o-mutton sleeves featured motifs of silk, v-neck lace and ended with tiny points over the wrists. Her basque fitting sweetheart bodice was embellished with iridescent. The sheer skirt accented with a full trumpet bottom extended into a semi-cathedral length train encircled with a scalloped border of silk and lace. The deep scalloped back was enhanced with a candy box heart-shaped silk bow and hanging pearls. The bride carried a cascade of calla lilies, white roses, Queen Ann lace with short white silk streamers. The bride's veil and blusher were white silk with white lace. Rev. Mark Anthony Williams gave the invocation at the beginning of the ceremony.

Shawn Nettlingham served the bride as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kelly Allen, Chandra Elmore, Monique Gallebaud, and Debra Sykes.

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Social & Community News

Holt-Wade wedding to be held Saturday, May 14th

Mrs. Lillie M. Wade and Mr. Lonnie C. Wade of Elba, AL, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Betty S. Wade, to William H. Holt Jr., formerly of Thomasville, AL.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Thomasville High School and is presently employed by Kelley Foods. The groom's parents are Mrs. Christine Davis of Thomasville, AL and Mr. William H. Holt of Cleveland, Ohio.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Elba High School and is presently employed by Kleiner's. The wedding will take place on Saturday, May 14, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. at Harris Temple COGIC Church, 647 Adams Street, Elba.

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Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Wildon Bryan, and their children Hubert Bryan, Sandra Prior, Margaret Powell, and Hughie Bryan.

Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Wildon Bryan celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Wildon Bryan, Sr. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 20, at their home. Wildon Bryan and Trudie Hudson were married on March 18, 1944 in Elba, Alabama. Pictures of the honored couple from courtship days up to present were on display at the registry table. A "50th Anniversary message" from their four children was hanging above the table.

The reception honoring the Bryans was given by their four children and their families: Hughie Bryan, Rt. 2, Brantley; Margaret Powell of Andalusia; Hubert Bryan, Rt. 2, Elba; and Sandra Prior of Ory, Ala. They also have two grandchildren, three great grandchildren—all of whom were present at the reception.

Ms. Lois Hudson was also present for her daughter's celebration. The dining room was elaborately decorated with the center of attention being the four-tiered anniversary cake. Golden bells with "50th" topped the cake, along with swags of roping embossed with roses, lace icing, and swan posts. A golden candelabra, holding fresh flowers and candles, was surrounded by a variety of delicious refreshments.

The honored couple greeted their guests at the entrance of their home. Wedding bells decorated with white bows adorned the front door. Many pictures of the couple, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were displayed. The children enjoyed touring the newly renovated home. Charlotte Parker, niece of the couple, beautifully decorated throughout their home with many floral arrangements.

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Bowers-Morrow Wedding held March 28th



Mr. & Mrs. Bowers

Cousin's Reunion to be held May 14th

The Bruce and Emma Page Davidson, William (Bill) & Mary Ann Clarks' annual Cousin's Reunion will be held Saturday, May 14th at Gran's Restaurant in Enterprise, AL.

Relatives and friends are urged to meet about 11:30 in the "Reserved Room" and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

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Moore Family Reunion held recently

The sons and daughters of the late Robert H. and Allie Mae Moore held their annual family reunion on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 22-24. The hostesses for the gathering were Mrs. Pam Baker, organist, and Mr. Robbie Carter, vocalist. The musical selection was "I Swear".

On Friday night, the group went to a restaurant

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS LUNCHROOM MENUS

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Toast, Eggs, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit, Juice, Milk
Friday - Pancakes, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Pizza, Corn, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Milk
Wednesday - Barbecue, Slaw, Rice, Bread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Chicken Fingers, Mixed Vegetables, Creamed Potatoes, Bread, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Hamburger, Potato Tots, Dill, Fruit, Milk

EHS CURRENTS

by Molly Mills & Dana Stinson

*Juniors who will be interested in attending the Alabama Girls and Boys State this summer should see Mr. Carley ASAP!

*The FFA Banquet will be held on May 5th at 7:00.

*Students interested in applying for PALS Class next year should see Mrs. D. Clark for an application.

*FHA members, if you are interested in running for an office for next year, please see Mrs. D. Clark or Mrs. Oges.

*Junior Girls: Applications for the 1995 Jr. Miss Scholarship Program are available in the office. See Mrs. Baker for more information.

*The Junior Senior Prom will be held on May 13, 1994 at the high school gym.

*The annual All-Sports Banquet will be held on May 17 at 7:30 in the high school commons area.

Counselor's Corner

by Cory Driggers & Giny Bedsole

The N.T. Morgan Scholarship Award is a \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to you. The scholarship is for high school seniors who will or are pursuing a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants don't have to demonstrate financial need or specify other sources of financial aid. See Mr. Carley for more information.

Alabama A&M University summer minority student science training programs are designed to provide science enrichment and/or research experiences to students who are pursuing a degree in science. Applicants don't have to demonstrate financial need or specify other sources of financial aid. See Mr. Carley for more information.

LUNCHTIME POLL

by FaBreka Tillis & LaShawn Russell

This week's question is: "What do you like most about Elba High School?"

Mr. Williams: "I really like the people the most."

Debra Martin: "I like the teachers."

Ma Barnes: "I like Club Day."

Anne Austin: "I like being a member of the SGA."

Mr. Little: "I like the nice students."

Pease Jackson: "I like Mrs. Rindstra."

Ruby Owens: "I like the Special Olympics program."

O'Sell Daniels: "I like the gym."

Catherine Carpenter: "I like every thing."

Rondan McRide: "I like the assembly programs."

Amy Patel: "I like my favorite teachers."

Jamie Money: "I like girls."

Tress Caldwell: "I like the gym."

Dorinda DeWitt: "I like the band."

VOTE FOR RICHARD (CRACKER) WALDROP DISTRICT JUDGE COFFEE COUNTY

"A VOTE FOR ME, IS A VOTE FOR YOU,"
THE PEOPLE OF COFFEE COUNTY

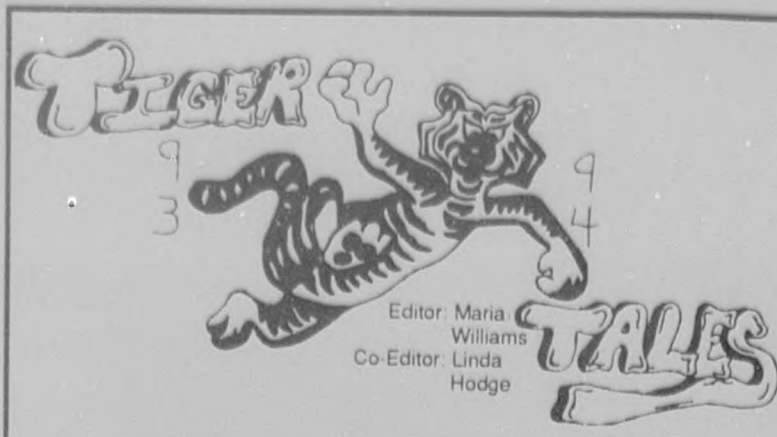
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- * FAIR DECISIONS
- * ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC
- * SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY
- * RESPONSIBILITY TO THE VOTERS
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CO-OP SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Eric Cox and Kimbo Nicholson.

by Linda Hodge

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Student Council Officers Attend Conference

Cruisin' into BAMA at Auburn! That was the theme of this year's Spring Conference sponsored by the Alabama Association of Student Councils. The letters in BAMA represent "Becoming A Motivated Achiever". The conference was held during the weekend of April 8-10, at the Auburn University Conference Center Hotel. Four officers of the Elba High School Student Council, along with their advisor, Rhonda Little, attended the conference.

After registration and dinner on Friday, all students and advisors attended the first general session. Mr. Ronnie Owens, Principal of Bradshaw High School, was the guest speaker. He spoke on the relationships that exist between students and their principals. Entertainment was then provided by singer Jason Grigsby, a Junior from Bradshaw High School. Next, all schools were asked to send a representative forward with their contributions to the State Project, Camp Smile-A-Mile. Then Mr. John Perkins, on behalf of the Governor's Youth Traffic Safety Council, came forward to present various safety awards. The Elba High School Student Council received a bronze plaque in recognition of 70% safety belt use. Elena Strokes, Vice President of Elba High School's Student Council also received a certificate of excellence in traffic safety leadership. Following this session, students participated in mixer activities while visiting with new and old friends.

On Saturday, everyone enjoyed the second general session. At this time the AASC President, Keith Britz addressed the group. Then the 1994-95 AASC candidates for officers were introduced. Immediately following this session, the council members from each school divided up and went to separate sessions. During the final general session, the council members listened to speeches made by candidates running for state offices. Next each school presented video. Then the new state officers were announced.

On Saturday night, the council members attended an awards banquet. There, Elba High School's Student Council received the first place award for their scrapbook in the small school division. They also received a silver plaque in recognition of the projects completed by the organization this past year. Next the 1994-95 AASC officers were installed. Denise Marler won an honorable mention in the Zoology division and an A&M Limestone Clean Community Commission Award. Daphne Jirigah received a check for \$30 and several other awards as the junior division.

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Views from The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know that girls' lives get a little busy sometimes when they get to be teenagers; however, Melissa had a pretty busy weekend despite being only eleven-years-old. Friday afternoon her Grandparents, from Mobile, and her Great Uncle, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, came to town for a visit, while Friday night one of Melissa's friends joined the crowd and spent the night. Saturday night Melissa spent the night away from home with a different friend, and then Sunday she went ice skating in Montgomery with some kids from the church. When she gets my age she'll realize that weekends are also a good time to get a little rest!

ELBA TIGERS SURVIVE OPENING ROUND SCARE

The Elba Tigers were expected to have an easy time with first round playoff opponent Geneva last Saturday afternoon, but someone forgot to tell the Panthers, as Geneva jumped ahead early and saw a late rally fall short as the Tigers managed to slip away with a 4-3 win.

Geneva, the Area 3 runner-up, came to play and used an aggressive attack on the bases with some clutch hitting to grab a quick 2-0 lead that it held until mid-way through the game, when Elba bunched together some hits and took advantage of a couple of passed balls to plate four runs. Geneva refused to quit, despite the deficit and the rainy weather, and pulled within 4-3, then left the bases loaded in the seventh to full short.

Elba had won five of its final seven games and was filled with confidence before the playoff opener, but saw its bats go silent and could have easily been ousted in the first round. Pitcher Cory Driggers gave up a couple of walks and two seeing-eye singles to allow Geneva to take the early lead; however, Driggers never cased up or got frustrated and battled until late in the game, when Chris Hudson came in to mop up the win and got the save. The Elba pitchers did their jobs and deserve much of the credit for the win.

The Tigers bats had been making noise in late-season action, but fell asleep Saturday and the lack of offensive productivity almost had the Tigers packing away the equipment. Elba's Josh Caldwell and Keith Grantham had key hits to spark the four-run uprising, and it proved to be enough to win, but not nearly enough to put away the pesky Panthers for the upcoming round.

Several years ago the Elba football team got spoiled to winning games in the playoffs and taking early round games for granted, and last weekend the Tiger baseball team almost fell into the same trap. Maybe the early scare will serve as a wake-up call and get the Tigers ready for the upcoming round. Elba still has the talent to win the whole shooting match; however, it takes more than potential to win games, and the time has come for the Tigers to stand up and be counted, or to sit down and unlive their spikes.

FORMER TIGERS HAVE BIG GAMES AT TSU FINAL

Troy State University held its spring game last weekend and Elba's Jackie Staudemire and Bryce Phillips both earned the praises of Coach Larry Bakeney after the game. Staudemire, a 6'4", 275-pound, defensive lineman, made his presence known throughout the game and has taken the step into the starting line-up, while Phillips, a speedy 5'9", 215-pound, defensive lineman, was all around the ball and was easily one of the bright spots of the game, despite making only two official plays.

The Elba duo have made their marks at Troy State this spring and you can bet next year both will play valuable roles for the Trojans in their quest for the Division IAA title.

KINSTON BULLDOGS HAVE SPECTACULAR SEASON

The Kinston Bulldogs fielded their first baseball team in years this spring and made quite a name for themselves before being ousted Saturday night in the 1A playoffs by defending state champion G.W. Long 5-3.

The Bulldogs had several players that had grown up playing Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball in Opp, and the experience showed as the team played every opponent down to the wire and finished the season with a 12-9 record. Next season Kinston will have its own field to play on, and with the excitement created by this year's team, the Bulldogs should be a team to watch in the small school ranks.

ON THE GRILL, ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

***The Atlanta Braves continued to have their problems last week and, now look like anything but a serious contender for the National League crown, much less the World Series. The reasons for the Braves recent losing ways are many, but perhaps the easiest to see is the fact the Braves aren't playing fundamental baseball in the field. Atlanta has the best pitching staff in baseball, but maybe the staff has been so good that the team has been able to get away with some weaknesses on defense. It's still too early to get too upset by the recent swoon; however, the losses have let the Braves, their coaches, and their fans, know that it is a long season and one or two too streaks won't give me the crown.

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Tigers score 4 runs in fourth inning rally

Elba slips past Geneva 4-3 in playoff opener

The Elba Tigers survived the rain, mud and a fired-up group of Geneva Panthers last Saturday afternoon as they pulled out a slim 4-3 win to advance to the second round of the Class 3A baseball playoffs.

The win improved the Tigers record to 8-7, while Geneva ended its season with a 6-7 state.

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Selected scripture: Proverbs 28: 8-14.

Thinking of you, praying for you, Timothy Williams, Ernestine Kelley, the Taylor family, Allie G. Henderson, the Ware family, Mozelle McCormick, Hannah Coleman, Mary Magwood, Ruth Magwood, Annie L. Williams.

May Birthdays

Mary Nell Prince, May 8; Tiffany Kelley, May 9; Milton Edward Belcher, May 10; Ernestine Kelley, May 25; and Estella Williams, May 26.

Board Meeting

The Pike Union District Association Board Meeting will be held May 7, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Brundidge, AL. Rev. M. Powell is pastor. Rev. E.D. Glover is moderator, and Mrs. Myrtle L. Tolbert is corresponding secretary.

A Special Week of Services

A special week of services celebrating the 110th anniversary of Antioch Baptist Church, Banks, AL. Rev. L.C. McMillan is pastor. The week begins May 2 and will continue through Sunday, May 8, 1994. The services begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday night services.

Monday night: The Young Men's sermon, Rev. J. G. Channing. Tuesday night: Ushers; sermon: Rev. Julius Kennedy.

Wednesday night: Adult Choir; sermon: Rev. H. Foster.

Thursday night: General Mission; sermon: Rev. C. L. Surkey.

Friday night: Brotherhood; sermon: Rev. O. L. Gamble.

Sunday afternoon sermon: Rev. Aaron Butler; Bro. George Pollard; secretary.

Benefit Program

The members of White Water Missionary Baptist Church of Troy, AL. Rev. Julius Kennedy, pastor, will be sponsoring a Benefit Singing Program for Mr. Herrell Smith on Saturday, May 7, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith is a 17 year old student at Pike County High School in Brundidge, AL.

All choir, soloists, members and friends are asked to attend this program.

For more information call: Ms. Betty Bell at (205) 735-2488; Ms. Ann Richards at (205) 566-8319; Ms. Ann Dixon at (205) 566-6766; Ms. Ruthie Harris at (205) 735-2111; or Murlean Bean at (205) 735-2971.

Spring Revival

The Annual Spring Youth Revival will begin at Clay Hill Baptist Church, Rev. J.C. Fryer, pastor, Coffee County, AL (Coffee County Road 308), May 11-13, 1994 at 7:15 nightly.

Rev. Z.L. Dawsey, evangelist, pastor of Greater Sardis of Dothan, AL, and Okey Grove of Ashford, AL (Missionary Baptist Churches).

He reported sales of more than 274 million kilowatt hours and operating margins of \$2,287,894 during 1993. The cooperative invested more than \$2.7 million in system improvement work and cleared about 554 miles of power line rights of way last year at a cost of more than \$500,000.

Services: Covington Electric provides its members the Good Cents Home program, Rural TV programming and heat pump loans—were also detailed in Johnson's report.

General Manager Ed Short announced that the co-op's 50th anniversary had been recognized in a resolution by the Alabama House of Representatives.



Betty Jean Page
Refugee...Retired Teacher

Betty Jean Page Refugee is a native of Coffee County. Her parents are Eliza Page and the late Andrew J. Page.

She attended public school in Coffee County and graduated from Mulberry Heights High School in Elba.

Betty said, "As a child I enjoyed playing in the fields around our home. I liked walking the dusty roads in summer and liked to walk on the ice that would be on the side of the roads in winter time. The ice-cicles would be beautiful hanging from trees. After all, my life has been very rewarding."

Betty attended Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL, and earned her BS degree in Elementary

Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



Elba Elementary students tour the City

by John L. Senn, Volunteer Parent

On Thursday, April 21, 1994 Elba Elementary School had the privilege of touring the City of Elba.

As a volunteer parent, found patience to be helpful, but firmness to be an even greater asset when confronted with a classroom of children thrilled and excited at being out of the classroom for a day.

All in all, the day turned out to be a successful, educational, and fun. Places Mrs. Sunson's third grade class visited included: the Peoples Bank, City Hall, the Coffee County Courthouse, the Elba Public Library, and the old Elba High School.

At the Peoples Bank, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes led the class through their facility explaining to the children about banking functions.

City Hall was next on the tour with Operations Officer Henry Clark leading the children through City Hall and explaining about city government.

The Coffee County Courthouse proved to be a very interesting tour. The children were greeted by Probate Judge Marion Brunson and led to the smaller courtroom, they children received a good bit of history about the town and the courthouse.

After being "dismissed" by Judge Brunson, the children filed out the courthouse, crossing the Square to the next stop, the Elba Public Library. There Mrs. Doris Taylor led the class through the library explaining where to find different types of books. Lots of children were very interested when told about the summer reading program.

From the library, Mrs. Sunson's class went to the old Elba High School, now the new Abundant Life Deliverance Center. Using this as a meeting point, all classes finally arrived, but the day was not quite over.

A picnic at Hawkins-Williams Park was to tend the day. The students, after a sack lunch and a full day, seemed just as full of life and energy as when they left the school that morning.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

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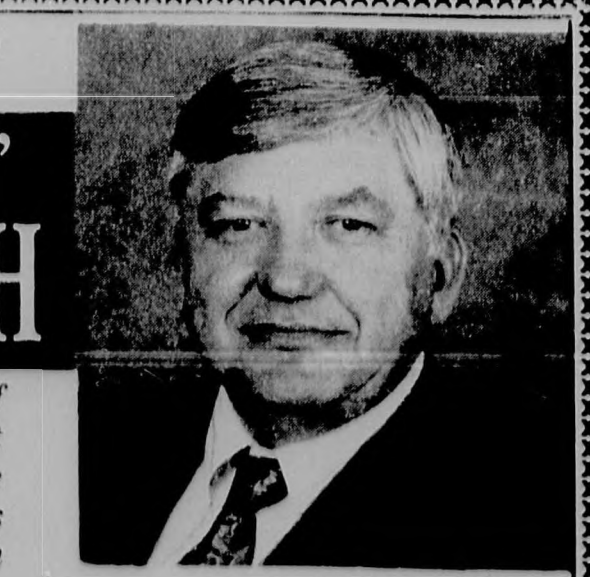
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PPA by "Ronnie" Whitworth, 750 Smith Ave., Elba, AL 36023. Subject to Democratic Primary, 1994.



THE SINGING DUES FAMILY

will be in concert along with the Williams Family from Crestview, FL, at Tarentum Community Center located on U.S. Hwy. 125, between Elba and Brundidge, on Saturday, May 7. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. No admission charge. Everyone is welcome.



Jack E. Brunson of the National Security Group in Elba, recently received a plaque from Wiregrass Leadership board chairman Mary T. Clark in appreciation of the company's support of the WLI newsletter. Looking on is Kathy Sauer, Executive Vice President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and WLI board secretary, and T. Harvey Watt, Director of the Fort Rucker program for Enterprise State Junior College and WLI board treasurer.

Spring Fling Planned at Elba Christian Academy

The Elba Christian Academy Spring Fling will be held on May 7, 1994 at the Elba Church of God, located across from Dorsey Trailers. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. There will be carnival-type games for all ages, food, fun, crafts, face painting, and live entertainment. Spaces for craft booths are available. For more information call 897-2989 or 897-6384.

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OCAP Head Start Program now taking applications

The OCAP Head Start Program is accepting application for children ages three to school age. The child must be three by September 2, 1994. Application will be taken on Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12, 1994 at the Enterprise Head Start Center, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

These are the last days for application to be taken. To apply, bring a copy of your child's Medicaid Screening or physical, proof of income, blue stamp and Social Security Numbers for everyone in the household. Head Start is available for all children regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, sex, or national origin. For more information, call the Head Start Center or Head Start Central Office at (205) 566-1712.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - BILLY B. MINSTER
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Chair Practice each Thurs. before 11:00 a.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reid
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Revival is in progress at Mt. Vernon Assembly

Revival is now in progress at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God and it will continue through Friday, May 6. Services begin at 7:45 p.m. with Evangelist Lamar Chapman. Pastor Donnie Earles and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

Women's Conference to be held at New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries

A Women's Conference will be held May 5-7, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, 404 Collier Street, behind City Hall in Elba, Alabama with Pastors Hiron and Linda Williams. This will be a time of refreshing, deliverance, healing and freedom.

Mustard Seed Foundation holds weekly meeting

by Margaret Bartlett
The Senior Citizens met for their weekly meeting. Those present were: Zealon and Evelyn Smith, Wallace and Mary Seavey, Eva Kelley, Eave Jirngit, Frank and Magdeline McCollough, Mattie Lou Wambles, Mattie Lou Goodson, Rushia Blanton, Wymon and Patricia Evans, Walter Short, Pauline Wood, John and Margaret Bartlett. Members entertained themselves with games. Wednesday, May 11, members will be going to call at Grand's in Enterprise, leaving the Foundation at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Camp Sharon Church to host Gospel Sing May 7th

A gospel singing will be held at Camp Sharon Church on Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Groups that will be singing is the Good News Quartet of Opp and Sound of Joy, from New Brockton. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Camp Sharon Church is located on Pike County Road, about 3 1/2 miles from Glenwood.

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CLIFFORD, THE BIG RED DOG... Clifford, The Big Red Dog, was a special guest at the EES library during the book fair. Clifford is a character from a popular children's book. He is pictured here with kindergarten students.



BOOK FAIR ART CONTEST WINNERS... These second and third graders were winners in the book fair art contest. Pictured (l to r) are Colby Capps, Mary Katherine Heald, Ayanna Proctor, Jessica Brazelton, Stephen Pope, and Brittany Daniels.



POETRY WINNERS... Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders participated in a poetry writing contest promoting reading. Winners were: (bottom, l to r) Rachel Bludsworth, Brandy Davis, Chelsea Cooper, Jami Hall, Kevin Tyson; (top, l to r) Conny Cooper, Amy Kirkland, Sara Miller, Tasha McDonald.



POETRY AND ART CONTEST WINNERS... These students were winners in the poetry and art contest sponsored by the EES library. Pictured (l to r) are Danielle Tharpe, Amanda Beerenstrauch, Kimberly Ward, and Nikki Steele. Winners received a value pack from the book fair filled with books and many extras.

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by Sara K. Miller
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Books make you happy when you are mad.
Books are new, books are old, they tell stories that are as valuable as gold.
Books are great! Books are grand!
You can make believe you're in a fairytale.
So curl up with a book one day,
And travel far, far away.

Bookfair Rap

by Brandy Davis, 4th Grade
Listen to the rhythm of this book fair.
There's going to be a bookfair just next week.
So get your mother and be sure to bring your brother.
Bring them on down to the big book fair.
We're gonna have a book here and there,
So you just better be prepared.

What Do You See?

by Rachel Bludsworth, Mrs. Shirley's 4th Grade Class
When you read a book what do you see?
I see an octopus staring at me.
When you look in a book what do you see?
I see an apple tree, pretty as can be.
When you look in a scary book, what do you see?
I see vampires after me.
When you look in a funny book, what do you see?
I see a silly lion laughing at me.
When you open a book you'll find me.

Books that are funny,
Books that are scary,
Find these books
At the school library.

by Amy Kirkland, Mrs. Johnson's 6th Grade Class

I live in a family of six.
Five need their heads fixed.
It gets so noisy, I sneak to a peaceful place.
Just my book and me!

by Chelsea Cooper, Mrs. Price's 4th Grade Class

What Is A Book?
by Kimberly Ward, Mrs. Hahn's 6th Grade Class

What is a book?
Is it pages filled with rages?
What is a book?
Is it a cover with lots to discover?
What is a book?
Is it a lot of autographs in paragraphs?
What is a book?
Is it a lot of rhymes of memorable times?
What is a book?
To me it can be anything you want it to be.

Covers are red,
Books are blue,
Stories are true,
Poems are new,
Candy is sweet,
Books are neat,
I can be glad,
Books can be sad,
Books are red,
Books are green,
Books are all colors,
But they're still books,
Books are long,
Books are short,
Books are in shapes,
Books are all shapes and colors.

by Kevin Tyson, Mrs. Brazelton's 4th Grade Class

Books

by Tasha McDonald, Mrs. Hahn's 6th Grade Class
Books are neat,
They can be such a treat.
All you have to do is pick a quiet place and have to a seat.
You could take a trip to space,
Or become a fancy lady with such grace.
Maybe you'd like to read about a haunted house.
Or you could read about a very tiny mouse.
All you have to do is choose which book is right for you.
Climb aboard and hang on tight because this book is out of sight.

Pleading Reading

by Jami N. Hall
Reading is an exciting thing to do.
You can read anything from Comedy, fiction, and adventure, too.
Everyone should read a little each day,
To find out things in and about our world.
And learn new words to say.
Newsletters are fun to see,
What's going on in your community.
Comics are full of laughter,
After reading world news' sadder matters.
Disney adventures are full of fun,
With Superman, 3-D, and Beethoven.
So try to read each day,
To brighten your future,
In an enlightened way.

Retreat

by Conny Cooper, Mrs. Smith's 6th Grade Class
Pressure is coming at you from every direction.
Stress pushes down on you like a boulder.
Why can't we stop to enjoy life?
But no, in this competitive world we can't waste time.
Then we find time to open up a book.
We become the character.
Living through all its trials and tribulations.
Laughing with it.
Crying with it.
Visiting unimaginable places.
Yet never leaving our own home.
Having wonderful adventures.
Savoring sweet romances,
And solving gothic mysteries.
Then we put down the book.
And return to the hustle and bustle.
But somehow a little stronger.
We have the knowledge that life isn't so bad after all.
And when pressures begin to build,
We can always retreat to a book.

In my hand I hold the key
To unlock adventures I never thought to see.
Through the magic of this key,
I can be anything I want to be.
I can ride a raft down the Mighty Mississippi,
And explore the caves in Hannibal with Huck, Tom, and Becky.
I can hang out with the Baby Sister's Club
Or be a sleuth like Nancy Drew.
I can travel back in time
And explore the future too.
Here, humor and horror sit side by side.
So I can laugh with Garfield,
And cringe at Christopher Pike.
A boat ride down the Amazon,
Or a sailboat at the beach.
A rocket to the moon,
All these are within my reach.
How? you ask.
Just take a look.
You'll see my magic key
Is a library book.

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

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• Every TUESDAY the library is open from 10 a.m. til 7 p.m.
• Wednesday - library open from 10 a.m. until noon

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"Toby" and Art Williams - Ventriquoist

Art Williams & Toby visit Elba Elementary School recently

Art Williams, an Elba High School graduate, came to visit the Elba Elementary School library during his spring break from Troy State University. Being a ventriquoist, Art brought along his special friend Toby, who spoke to the student about himself and how he and Art began their career together. Art explained that reading a book from the

library sparked his interest in ventriquoism. He also brought several puppets to who the students how puppets are made and how they make learning fun. Watching the students as they listened to Toby and Art was enjoyable. Mrs. Doggett, media specialist, and Mrs. Martin, library aide, requested Art and Toby to visit again and to share their art and music talents with the students.



GETTING READY FOR EASTER... Bernice Clay of Elba demonstrated to sixth graders the art of decorating eggs. Students in Mrs. Crowe's reading class used plastic eggs, wrapping paper, glitter, and a mixture of glue and water to make eggs to decorate an egg tree in the school library.

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KINSTON AJAS NEWS

The Alabama Junior Academy of Science at Kinston High School is active this spring, competing in the various regional and state competitions. On March 3, four students qualified for scientific paper reading at Troy State University. In the mathematics division, Amber Spinks placed second with her paper, "Playing with Polygons". Josh Davis placed first with his paper, "Exploration of Formula Integration in Spherical Trigonometry". In the humanities division, Alyssa Maloy placed second with "Can You Read This?" and Summer Matthews placed first with her paper entitled, "A Matter of Morality". All students qualified to read their papers on March 25 at the state AJAS competition.

On March 12, fourteen senior high students traveled to Troy State University for the Regional Science Olympiad Competition and carried away various category awards: Amphibians and Reptiles, 1st place; Chemistry Lab, 1st place; Name That Organism, 1st place; Nature Quest, 1st place; Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils, 3rd place; and Qualitative Analysis, 2nd place. Team members for 1994 included Jody Davis, Jonathan Spears, Amber Spinks, Alyssa Maloy, Terra Weeks, Shasta Farris, Jeremy Mack, Amy Reeves, Casey Grace, Tracy Hall, Tiffany McDaniels, Jason Lee, Robbie McDaniels, and Josh Davis.

On March 24, scientific paper readers and officers of AJAS traveled to Troy State University for the state AJAS meeting. Students heard lectures on a variety of topics ranging from electronic miniaturization to life in a decaying log. Josh Davis won second place in the state level paper reading competition in the math division. He qualified to attend the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in North Carolina on April 28 with other state winners.

Members of AJAS and the Anatomy and Physiology class toured Alabama Reference Laboratory, Inc. of Montgomery on April 18. Those students interested in the medical field or research were enlightened by guided tours of the various areas of modern, highly automated clinical laboratory. They were briefed by a medical technologist in the various areas of laboratory work such as hematology, chemistry, and toxicology.

Vietnam Vets of America accepting applications for Williams Scholarship

Chapter 373 of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is now accepting applications for the Robert J. Williams Scholarship to be awarded in the Spring of 1994. The deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1994. Two scholarships of \$500.00 each will be available to any Vietnam veteran, Vietnam ERA veteran, or to the spouse or children of Vietnam veterans. Applications are currently being delivered to high schools in Dale, Coffee, and Geneva Counties. Applications are also available by writing, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Fort Rucker Chapter 373, P.O. Box 1438, Ozark, AL 36061 or calling 347-1426, 774-7378, or 598-2146.

Free Tuition for senior adults at AATC

Persons over the age of 60 who are interested in taking courses at Alabama Aviation and Technical College are eligible for free tuition under the Senior Adult Scholarship program. This scholarship provides free tuition to enroll in courses on a space-available basis. The scholarship does not cover fees, books, supplies, or other costs.

Courses available include oral and written communication, keyboarding, introduction to computers, history of world religions, ethics and society, psychology and human relations. Technical courses are available in aviation maintenance, avionics, automotive, and flight technology.

Seniors adults interested in taking advantage of this program should contact Ms. Betty Roberts, Director of Financial Aid, at (205) 774-5113 ext. 223, or 1-800-624-3468 for more information.

Sylvia Thomas joins U.S. Army Delayed Entry program

Sylvia Y. Thomas, a graduate of Elba High School, has joined the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program and will report for active duty in May, according to Staff Sgt. Margareta Montgomery with the Army recruiting office in Enterprise.

Thomas enlisted for four years and elected to train as a Tank Turret Repairer. She will receive basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

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A Mother's Heart Speaks

The hand-cuffs dug into his wrist.
Through his hurt and anger,
He somehow made a fist.
He was just a boy,
But was treated like a man.
When the judge asked, "What's your plea?",
He didn't even understand.
His pleas, when he was younger,
Had gone unheard anyway.
So when they talk to him now,
He's got nothing much to say.
The first time he stood in front of a judge,
He was only twelve years old.
The little heart,
That was once full of love,
Began to grow cold.

He had been talking too much in class,
And misbehaving in the hall.
Instead of regarding this as
Trouble at home,
They decided to nail him to the wall.

The probation officer told him
The he would have to earn his trust,
And that would take some time.
But he never seemed to think
About this child's trust,
That adults had destroyed
As they tangled up his mind.

Tears ran down his face,
From the eyes that once shined so bright,
As he stared at the prison clothes,
He was forced to wear that night.
His hands and feet were both bound,
As he wondered
If anyone could push him much further down.

He's seen a lifetime of misery,
In just 14 short years.
But no one seems to notice,
All the hurt mixed in his tears.

by Dianne Duncan



DONATION MADE TO NURSING HOME... Pictured above are: Donna Driggers (left), Director of Nursing at the Elba Nursing Home and Jessie Watson with AABON Home Health Care Supply, Inc., located in Elba. The local business recently donated several walkers to be used by the residents of the nursing home. Driggers stated that the walkers will be put to good use and will greatly aid the residents in "getting about" safely.

Sandra Coffey-County Agent

Senior Games scheduled for May 6th

The Sixth Annual Coffee County Senior Games will be held Friday, May 6, at the Enterprise State Junior College. Put on your sneakers and come join the fun. All adults 55 and older can participate in the following competitive tournaments: horse shoes, bridge, golf, tennis, bowling, and dominoes. Some of the tournaments will be held during the week of the 6th.

Other events include track, walk/run events, basketball free throws, putt putt golf, badminton, and swimming. We will have special entertainment and a meal prepared and served by the Coffee County Commission.

Registration forms are available at all of the seniors centers throughout the county, Enterprise State Junior

College gym, Extension office, and Enterprise County Club.
Mark this date on your calendar and make your plans to attend.

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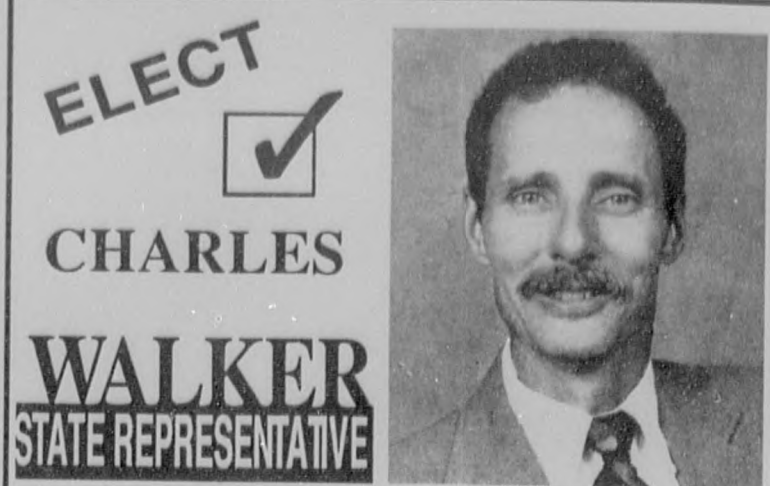
The next time you need to plump raisins or dried fruit, use this microwave tip.
In a 4-cup glass measure, mix 1 cup raisins or dried fruit and 1/2 cup water or other liquid such as brandy. Cover and heat on high 2 to 3 minutes until boiling. Let stand covered 10 minutes.



STATE'S OLDEST AARP CHAPTER... Mrs. Idelle Whitman, a member of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Chapter 531, is pictured with the plaque presented Tuesday, April 19, at the regular monthly meeting and covered dish supper. The group met at the Senior Citizens Center in Elba. The plaque was presented by M. C. D. Highower, AARP District Representative from Troy. Elba is the oldest Chapter in the Alabama and the plaque commemorates their 25th anniversary.

USDA announces support level by type for 1994 peanuts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has announced the average support levels by type, quality and for an average grade ton of 1994-crop peanuts will be: \$675.30 for Virginia-type peanuts; \$682.26 for price support levels of \$678.36 per Runner-type peanuts; \$634.46 for short ton quota peanuts and \$132.00 Spanish-type peanuts. The loan value for additional peanuts is 19.46% of the applicable quota that are produced in excess of the support level.



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CHAIRMAN APPROVES PURCHASE OF NEW CAR WITH POLICE PACKAGE FOR COMMISSION CLERK

County Commission approves expenditures totaling over \$315,000

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Members of the Coffee County Commission took more than fifteen minutes to decide whether or not to spend \$428 but voted to spend \$14,000 plus in less than 30 seconds.

This all took place after one commissioner, Bernest Brooks, questioned the commission's voting to spend "large sums of money" without having more than a few minutes to make a decision on whether or not to do so.

Monday's meeting was mostly one of conducting routine business with the longest discussion coming on a motion made by Commissioner Robert Stephens.

County Engineer Mark Pool related to members of the commission

that the mayor of Kinston had requested that the county had approximately 300 cubic yards of clay to the site of the town's recreation park.

Pool estimated that the cost of the clay - if the county chose to charge the town for it - would be approximately \$428.

Commission Stephens made a motion to furnish the clay at "no charge" to the town. Commissioner Wendell Black seconded the motion.

During the discussion of Stephens' motion, the point was made that the commission had voted in a previous meeting to contribute a maximum of \$10,000 toward the construction of the Kinston recreation park complex. This would consist mainly, if not totally, of in-kind work performed by the county highway department.

Pool told commissioners that work done on the park presently stood at about \$20,200 in value. He further stated that the request for clay would not put this figure over the \$10,000 cap.

There was also a request from the Soil Conservation Service to assist them in correcting an erosion problem at the town's park. It was estimated that this work, if done, would not put the county over the agreed-upon amount of \$10,000.

Both the amendment and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the commission.

The approval to spend \$14,000 for "a car" came right at the close of Monday's session.

Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel asked that the commission approve the transfer of funds - within

the budget - to purchase an automobile. He made his request in the form of a motion. Commissioner Jack Hanson seconded the motion.

The motion, without any discussion, passed with Commissioner Stephens casting the lone dissenting vote.

Due to a noisy air conditioner and the lack of proper use of the public address system by the commissioners, members of the media were unable to hear - if it was stated - from what part of the budget the funds were being transferred from and to where.

After the commission adjourned, members of the media, along with this reporter, questioned commissioners concerning the amending of the budget for the purchase of an automobile. They referred all questions

concerning the matter to Chairman Lawrence Creel.

The chairman was asked for whom (what department) the car had been purchased. He stated that the car was to be used by Wilson Mobley, the clerk of commissioners' court. Creel further stated that the automobile would be available for use by members of the commission when making official trips.

Creel was asked upon whose authority or approval was the car purchased since it has been in the commission clerk's possession for several days prior to Monday's meeting, but was not brought before the commission until then.

He stated that he alone had approved the purchase.

The car purchased is a Chevrolet Caprice - fully loaded - and also contains a "police package." The car was bought under the state bid for vehicles to be used by the state's law enforcement agencies.

When asked by members of the media if the car was really necessary, Creel's response was that the county had been projecting a poor image at meetings being attended by Mobley and other members of the commission.

He was referring to a used car which was being used by the commission clerk and others to travel to state meetings being held at various locations throughout the state.

Previous to Monday's meeting no vehicle purchase or equipment purchase of this magnitude for the commission office had been previously

budgeted.

According to reports, other county department heads had approached the commission with purchase requests but were told that they would need to wait and incorporate them into the next budget.

Other matters of business conducted by the commission were as follows:

***Farmers in Coffee County are being asked to bring their empty plastic herbicide and pesticide containers to the county's landfill where they will be chipped up and disposed of. The scheduled dates are: June 13-17 and October 10-14. There will be NO CHARGE for this service.

***Awarded the bid for a compactor to be used at the landfill to Thompson Tractor Company of Dothan. Their bid was \$264,000 lease/purchase price.

***The Enterprise Ledger was awarded the bid for publication of the voters' list. Their bid of \$3,887,000 was the only one submitted.

***The low bid to furnish steel pipe to the county highway department was from Chocaw, Inc. Their bid was \$31,022.08 total price.

***The commission approved the closing of Co. Rd. 269 - a dirt road located just off Al Hwy. 167 north of Enterprise.

***Approved the lease of a parking area near the Enterprise Courthouse. The land belongs to First Alabama.

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Minutes of no quorum meeting approved by council

by Fern Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday night was over in 45 minutes. The only difference of opinion expressed was over the approval of minutes from an adjourned meeting in which there was no quorum to conduct any business.

Mayor Ricky Haywood presented the minutes for this April 29th date, along with minutes from three other meetings.

To get a motion of approval of these minutes, Haywood turned the gavel over to council member Bill Brunson and made the motion himself.

Councilman Earl McCollough was the only council member who was present on the 29th and the seconded Haywood's motion. These

two and John W. Sharpless voted yes. Council members Bill Brunson and Brad Wilson voted no. Council member Gladys Yelverton abstained.

The minutes for the adjourned meeting were approved on the 3-2 vote.

Brunson and Wilson both explained their negative vote was because they felt that without a quorum, there was no meeting and therefore no minutes to approve.

The council approved a \$650 appropriation to the Coffee County Retarded Citizens. This is to help pay for an annual week long summer camp held in Enterprise.

Election officials for the June 7th wet-dry election were approved. City Clerk Jim Nichols told council members he had talked with those on

the list and they had agreed to serve. Haywood said Nichols would be making arrangements for setting up any necessary poll official school.

Four machines will be used in the wet-dry voting, council members were told.

Bills totaling \$30631.60 were approved for payment. Included was a \$13,183 bill charged after a Workman's Comp audit for last year.

One purchase order was approved. However it was for the Civil Air Patrol, using a federal grant. Elba is only serving as an accounting agency for the project and no municipal funds are involved.

Filling of expired terms on the Planning and Zoning Board was tabled until council members have time to find out if those whose terms

are expiring would consent to re-appointment.

Councilman Earl McCollough asked City Attorney Mark Vaughan if he had found any way it was legal for the two council members with school teacher wives to vote on the proposed sales tax.

Vaughan said he had never felt there was any problem. However he had been given copies of ordinances from other cities which avoided that possible vested interest conflict with Alabama law.

The council members instructed Vaughan to draw up an ordinance for Elba using those guidelines. It will be presented at the next council meeting. However, at the request of Mayor Haywood, the motion will be tabled until Monday's meeting.

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Previous to Monday's meeting no vehicle purchase or equipment purchase of this magnitude for the commission office had been previously

Vester Cole Day Saturday, May 21, 1994

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

New Brockton is planning a town celebration - Vester Cole Day! The occasion honoring Mr. Cole is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 1994.

Activities for the day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a parade downtown and will conclude with a street dance from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Vester Cole, a ninety-three year old gentleman, was employed by the town until August 17, 1993.

He worked twenty-nine years as the "street man" and without a doubt would still be on the town's payroll had he not felt and broke his hip on the job.

Many a summer, teen-age boys hired by the town through the summer youth program could not keep pace with Mr. Cole. He drove trucks, made street repairs, loaded trash, maintained the grounds around city hall and anything else that needed doing.

Cole has been and still is an inspiration to all of those who know him



Pictured above are: New Brockton Mayor Kathryn Holley (left) and Vester Cole.

or have come in contact with him.

He is so unique that when the town filed his workers compensation claim, the carrier did not know and

still does not know how to arrive at a settlement. They tell city officials that "their charts do not go to age 94."

Vester Cole was born on June 15, 1900 in the northeast corner of Coffee County. His parents were Charles and Callie Cole.

Mr. Cole's mother lived to be 106 years old. Mr. Vester's son, Charles (named for his grandfather), is a member of the present town council and attributes his height to his grandfather who was 6'11" tall.

In an interview last Friday, Mr. Vester attributed his long life to "living right and treating your fellow man the way you want to be treated."

When asked about the younger generation, he said, "The biggest problem with children today is that they are being raised by someone else rather than their parents."

He also said, "Prayer and discipline needs to be put back in the schools."

Cole said that his changed way of living and his children are two things that he is proudest of.

He made an interesting observation when he stated that "people have changed from bad to good."

Cole, as an explanation, said that he had seen people do and say a lot more worse things than he sees today.

Councilman Robert Miles, who is spearheading the organization of an event, invites organizations, individuals, politicians and anyone else who wishes to participate in the parade to be at New Brockton High School no later than 10 a.m. on May 21st.

The town extends an invitation to one and all to come join in a day honoring Vester Cole.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

POLITICAL RALLY. A political rally will be held at the Victoria Community Room on Saturday, May 14, to give residents an opportunity to meet candidates for public office in the upcoming election. Candidates will be available at 11 a.m. to meet, greet, and hand out literature. There will be no speeches.

DUSK 'TIL DAWN RELAY. A Dusk 'Til Dawn Relay For Life, a fun and exciting 12-hour team relay where each participant is encouraged to raise sponsorships of at least \$100, will be held Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Enterprise State Junior College Athletic Field. All the proceeds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society.

CHECK THE VOTERS' LIST. Next week's addition of *The Elba Clipper* will contain a registered voters' list for Coffee County. Each voter should check the list to be sure that his or her name appears on the list and is listed in the right voting precinct. Anyone whose name does not appear is asked to call the Board of Registrar's office in New Brockton at 894-5347. Any other questions concerning the voters' list should also be directed to the Board of Registrars.

TOWN CELEBRATION. The town of New Brockton will have a Town Celebration - Vester Cole Day - on Saturday, May 21, 1994. The day's events will begin with a parade downtown at 11:00 a.m. There will be lots of food available, entertainment, yard sales, a street dance from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and plenty of other activities. EVERYONE is invited to come out, bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a day in New Brockton.

25 DAYS UNTIL ELECTION DAY

NOTICE

THE COFFEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSING COUNTY ROAD 636 (OLD CO. RD. 134) TO TRAFFIC MAY 23, 1994 FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) MONTHS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER TIGHT EYE CREEK. TRAFFIC WILL BE DETOURD DURING THIS TIME ON STATE RT. 134 AND CO. RD. 625.

Brown in school board race

Harry Carl Brown has announced his candidacy for the Coffee County Board of Education - District 5, promising to work diligently to make education a priority.

When elected, he will ensure that our children not only receive a high school diploma, but receive an education as well.

To ensure a good education, Mr. Brown will work to:

- *Provide top quality instructions in the classroom
- *Tax dollars be used in the best interest of all students
- *Fair hiring practices be enforced
- *Strict discipline in classrooms
- *Fair and just punishment for all students
- *Alternative programs for drop-outs and expelled students
- *He will work to provide a learning environment that is safe and drug-free

Being a graduate of Elba High School, Brown is a product of the Coffee County schools.

He furthered his education in Computer Science at Enterprise State Junior College.

Brown is a distinguished graduate of Computer Repair and a Computer Programmer Analyst graduate, Fort Gordon, GA.

He presently serves in the Alabama National Guard as a Senior Computer Analyst, and is presently employed with the City of Enterprise.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama, F&AM. He serves as Senior Warden, Southeast Lodge #506, Associate Patron, Order of Eastern Star, Golden Gate Chapter #302, Enterprise, AL, Junior

Warden, Coffee County Union of Masonic Lodges; Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Royal Arch, Zarahubel Chapter #92, Ozark, AL; Sir Knight Templar, J.K. Lewis Commandery #27, Ozark, AL; 32° Scottish Rite Mason, Wiregrass Consistory #229, Dothan, AL; Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobility of the Mystic Shrine, Shaaban Temple #103, Oasis of Montgomery, AL.

Brown is a member of the Alabama Democratic Conference and attends Rocky Road Missionary Baptist Church.

He is married to the former Margaret Henderson. They are the parents of four children and have four grandchildren.

Brown and his wife, Margaret, reside in Elba.



NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK... Pictured above are: Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood (left) and Elba County Administrator Elba Briley. Administrator Briley looks on as Mayor Haywood signs a proclamation proclaiming May 8-14, 1994 as National Nursing Home Week. The theme of this year's National Nursing Home Week celebration is CARING FOR GENERATIONS. This year, the "new" generations are being encouraged to visit and learn from and about the "older" generation. Now more than ever, children should be given every opportunity to have as many positive role models as is humanly possible.